

Briefing Paper to the Wyke Area Committee**Wards: Avenue, Bricknall,
Central**16th September 2020**Update on Wyke Area Housing budgets****Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director for Neighbourhoods and Housing Manager****1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary**

To update the Wyke Area Committee on the balances within the three Housing Area budgets for the Wyke Area to allow the Committee to fulfil their responsibility of monitoring these budgets.

2. Background

The Area and Neighbourhood agenda places responsibility for ensuring effective performance of Council services at a local level with Area Committees. The information at the Appendix captures the relevant information to enable the Wyke Area Committee to fulfil its monitoring role in relation to local delivery of Housing Services.

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The Area Based Spend Budget is used primarily for issues that affect the wider community, but also can be considered for schemes for an individual tenant or leaseholder. This includes for example, fencing in communal areas, bollards, signs, tree pruning/felling, skip provision etc.
- 3.2 The Estate Management Budget is normally used for work on individual properties, often safety issues, for example tree cutting, rubbish removal, pest control etc. The scope of this budget is limited and mainly used in special circumstances and often in an emergency situation.
- 3.3 The Environmental Budget is used for fencing work, either for schemes to benefit the wider community or to increase security for individual properties or for residents suffering from anti-social behaviour or nuisance due to the lack of boundary fencing.
- 3.4 A summary of spend for each budget so far this financial year is attached to this report as appendices for your information.

- 3.5 The table below shows the breakdown of each budget amount allocated for 2020/2021 along with the available spend to date.

Budget Heading	Annual Budget 2020/2021	Budget available to spend
Area Based – Total for Wyke	£21,763	
Avenue	£2,340	£2,340
Bricknall	£4,680	£4,680
Central	£14,743	£11,984
Estate Management Spend – Total for Wyke	£4,776	
Avenue	£514	£514
Bricknall	£1,027	£882
Central	£3,235	£2,627
Environmental Budget (fencing) – Total for Wyke	£11,736	
Avenue	£1,262	£1,262
Bricknall	£2,524	£2,524
Central	£7,950	£7,908

- 3.6 The tables attached at appendix (i) include the spend to date on each budget.
- 3.7 During the lockdown period spend was limited, however as we return to business as usual staff will be identifying schemes to take forward for spend this financial year. Staff are continuing to work from home where ever possible with home visits only being carried out in essential circumstances. This is to ensure the safety of staff and customers. This situation will be reviewed on a regular basis going forward.

4. Next steps

The Wyke Area Committee notes the level of spend and requests any further information it requires.

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Officer Interests: None

Background Documents: - HRA budgets